

Amendments to the Drawings

The replacement sheets of formal drawings attached hereto as **Exhibit A** do not include any changes to Figures 1 and 2.

Attachment: replacement sheets of formal drawings for Figures 1 and 2

REMARKS

The application has been reviewed in light of the final Office Action dated December 28, 2005. Claims 1-13 and 15-40 were pending, with claim 14 having previously been canceled, without prejudice or disclaimer. By this Amendment, claim 13 has been canceled, without prejudice or disclaimer, and claim 1 has been amended to correct informalities therein. Accordingly, claims 1-12 and 15-40 are now pending, with claims 1 and 2 being in independent form.

The December 28, 2005 Office Action indicated that formal drawings are required.

Accordingly, formal drawings for Figures 1 and 2 are attached hereto as **Exhibit A**. The formal drawings attached as **Exhibit A** do not introduce new subject matter and do not include any changes to Figures 1 and 2.

Claim 1 was objected to as having informalities.

In response, claim 1 has been carefully reviewed and amended with particular attention to the points raised in the Office Action.

Claim 13 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as purportedly unpatentable by U.S. Patent No. 5,999,220 to Washino in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,808,628 to Hinson et al. (Hinson '628).

By this Amendment, claim 13 has been canceled, without prejudice or disclaimer.

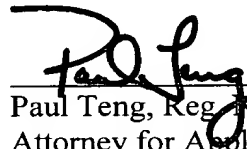
In view of the claim amendments and remarks hereinabove, Applicant submits that the application is now in condition for allowance. Accordingly, Applicant earnestly solicits the allowance of the application.

If a petition for an extension of time is required to make this response timely, this paper should be considered to be such a petition. The Patent Office is hereby authorized to charge any

fees that may be required in connection with this amendment and to credit any overpayment to our Deposit Account No. 03-3125.

If a telephone interview could advance the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to call the undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Paul Teng", is written over a horizontal line.

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